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Dear Andy,

HMP FOSSE WAY – ADDITIONAL HOUSEBLOCK

I am writing to provide you with a final update on the additional houseblock and support building at HMP Fosse Way. As you may be aware, the additional houseblock will provide 245 much needed additional new prison places.

Bovis (previously named Lendlease) are the main contractor responsible for delivering this project in addition to the existing HMP Fosse Way, which opened in 2023. Main works to construct the two additional buildings, to the north of the existing prison, began in January 2024, and was recently completed to allow the operator, Serco, to prepare for the arrival of prisoners.

I am pleased to advise you that the first prisoners arrived to the new houseblock on 4 December. The number of prisoners will be slowly ramped up to fully capacity to ensure the prison operates safely and securely at all times. It is expected to be at full capacity around spring next year.

The HMPPS Mobilisation team will work closely with Serco to ensure the new buildings are ramped up to full capacity safely and as soon as possible.

As the construction phase draws to a close and the additional houseblock is now operational, I don't expect to write to you again in this format about HMP Fosse Way- but should any queries or concerns remain please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Timpson
Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending